

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Claims 1-18 cancelled.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~The nucleic acid of claim 18, wherein the isoform is~~ An isolated nucleic acid sequence that encodes a steroid receptor coactivator amplified in breast (AIB1) protein isoform, wherein the isoform is  $\Delta 3$ -AIB1, and said nucleic acid comprises the exon junction sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A vector that contains the nucleic acid of claim ~~[[18]]~~ 19.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A recombinant cell that contains the nucleic acid of claim ~~[[18]]~~ 19.

Claims 22-53 cancelled.